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A snowboard binding including: (a) a binding base having a front end and a rear end; (b) an aperture in the binding base intermediate the front and rear ends for receiving a snowboard engaging member adapted to releasably secure the binding base to a snowboard, the perimeter of the aperture including at least one pair of adjacent points adapted for relative movement; and (c) a separation device to selectively space the adjacent points to loosen the binding base from the board engaging member to enable the binding base to be moved relative to the board engaging device.